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Washington, DC 20231

RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR ELECTION OF SPECIES

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated May 14, 2002 containing a requirement for an election of species.

The Applicants select, without traverse, the species SEQ.ID.NO.:7. The claims readable on SEQ.ID.NO.:7 are 1 and 4-16.

The time for response to the Office Action has been set for June 14, 2002. Therefore, it is believed that this response is timely and that no fee is required for extension of time. If this is in error, please treat this paper as including a Petition for the Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for a period sufficient to permit the filing of a Response and charge the required fee to Deposit Account No. 13-2755.

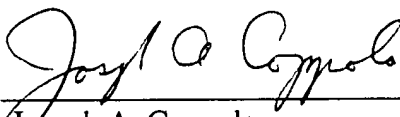
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MERCK & CO., INC.

By Nancy York Date May 20, 2002

The Applicants hereby also make a Conditional Petition for any relief available to correct any defect seen in connection with this filing, or any defect seen to be remaining in this application after this filing. The Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account Number 13-2755 for the Petition fee and any other fees required to effect this Conditional Petition.

Respectfully submitted,

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